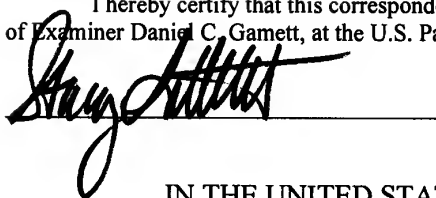


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed September 21, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

A Request for Continued Examination accompanies this paper.